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SUBJ: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES: WEEKLY REPORT FOR BOAT REFUGEES

REF (A) STATE 67992 (B) STATE 63529

1. IN REGARD TO THE REQUIREMENT IN PARA 1 OF REFTTEL A,
UNHCR KEEPS STATISTICS IN THAILAND ON A MONTHLY BASIS.
THE CUMULATIVE TOTALS THAT WE HAVE BEEN REPORTING,
AND HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO CONTINUE TO REPORT,
DATE FROM 1 AUGUST RATHER THAN 11 AUGUST 1977.

2. IN REGARD TO PARA 2 OF REFTTEL A, THERE ARE TWO PROBLEMS.
FIRST, WE OFFER THE BELATED OBSERVATION THAT TELEGRAPHIC
NOTICE OF SPONSORSHIP VERIFICATION FROM STATE DOES NOT
CONTAIN SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO PERMIT EARLY MOVE
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MENT OF REFUGEES TO THE UNITED STATES. SECONDLY, THESE
TELEGRAMS HAVE BEEN ARRIVING LATE AND IN BUNCHES.

3. FOR EXAMPLE, ON THE FIRST POINT, WE RECEIVED MARCH 17
A PACKET OF ASSURANCES, COVERING 15 CASES AND INCLUDING 76
PEOPLE, THAT USCC MAILED BY SURFACE FROM WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 2 ND.
EVEN IF WE HAD HAD TELEGRAPHIC NOTIFICATION OF THE FACT OF THOSE

SPONSORSHIPS FEBRUARY 2, WE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
BOOK DEPARTURES UNTIL TODAY. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE STATE TELEGRAM
NOTIFYING US OF ASSURANCES LIST THE TOWN AND STATE
OF DESTINATION. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT THE VOLAGS USE AIRMAIL.

4. THE SECOND ISSUE IS THAT THE TELEGRAMS FROM THE STATE
DEPARTMENT ARE NOT ARRIVING DAILY. REF B IS THE LAST
SUCH NOTIFICATION THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED IN BANGKOK. IT
WAS DATED MARCH 14, AND COVERED ASSURANCES GRANTED
MARCH 8 AND 9. AS WE HAVE REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, CWS AND
LIRS ARE THE ONLY VOLAGS THAT NOTIFY JVR BANGKOK DIRECTLY
BY TELEGRAM OF SPONSORSHIPS. ACNS OCCASIONALLY DOES.
WE WOULD POSIT THAT IF THE STATE NOTIFICATION COULD
ARRIVE DAILY, THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR THE VOLAGS TO
INFORM JVR BY CABLE.
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